

Early Childhood Education – Incumbent Workforce

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Prairie State College (PSC) and Governors State University (GovState) for the Early Childhood Education degree program based on the current catalogs of both schools. The student would complete **an Associate of Applied Science (AAS)** in Child Development from PSC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education – Incumbent Workforce from GovState. **The Early Childhood Education program has special admissions requirements; please review the catalog for more information.**

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM: (16 Hours)

*(*Refer to the PSC AA guidelines for a list of course choices in Section I.)*

Area A: Communication (6 hours)

- ENG 101 - Composition I (3)
- COMM 101 – Principles of Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (3 hours)

- Fine Arts Course (3)*

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (0 hours)

Area D: Life or Physical Science (4 hours)

- Life or Physical Science with a lab (4)*

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)

- PSYCH 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (45 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (39 hours)

- ECED 103 - Health, Safety and Nutrition (3) (Meets Health Requirement)
- ECED 104 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) (Meets EDEC 2310)
- ECED 108 - MATH for Young Children (3)
- ECED 115 - Observation and Assessment of Young Children (3)
- ECED 120 - Child, Family and Community (3)
- ECED 130 - Guidance and Classroom Management (3)
- ECED 205 - Language Arts for Children (3) (Meets Humanities Course)
- ECED 213 - Multicultural Education (3) (Meets Social Science Course)
- ECED 251 - Curriculum Design for Early Childhood Programs (3)
- ECED 299 - Early Childhood Ed Internship (3)
- ED 101 - Child Growth & Development (3) Meets EDEC 2330)
- ED 212 - Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)
- ED 220 - Children's Literature (3) (Meets ENGL-2131/Humanities)

Electives (6 hours)

Choose two : ECED 105 (Meets Fine Arts), ECED 110, ECED 150, ECED 151, ECED 152, ECED 217, ECED 218, ECED 219, ECED 298

REQUIRED A.A.S. IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TOTAL: 61 credits minimum

***Please see the PSC catalog for a list of course that apply as general education courses**

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III. TO BE COMPLETED AT PSC AND GOVSTATE (12 Hours)

General Education (12 hours)

- ENGL 1010 - Written Composition II (3)
- Life or Physical Science Course [based on course taken in Section I] (3)
- Mathematics Course (3)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Course (3)

IV. TO BE COMPLETED AT GOVSTATE (55 Hours)

Professional Education Courses (49 hours) (To be completed for Option III)

- EDUC 2770 - First Aid and Emergency Response for Educators (1)
- EDEC 3000 - Writing Workshop Seminar (1)
- EDEC 3003 - Lesson Planning with Developmentally Appropriate Practice in ECE Seminar (2)
- EDEC 3333 - Educating the Whole Child: Arts, Outdoor Learning/Healthy Living in Early Childhood (3)
- EDUC 3410 - Classroom Management and Responsive Learning Environments (3)
- EDEC 3570 - Assessment and Differentiated Instruction for Diverse Learners in Early Childhood (3)
- EDEC 3580 - Linguistics/Language Dev in Early Childhood and Diverse Language Learners (3)
- EDEC 3590 - Science Methods and STEAM in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4550 - Family, Culture, and Community in Early Development (3)
- EDEC 4560 - Integrated Soc Studies and Literacy: Supporting CRTL and Diverse Learners in ECE (3)
- EDEC 4561 - Field Experience: Applied Science and Social Studies Methods in Early Childhood (2)
- EDEC 4570 - Literacy Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4571 - Field Experience: Applied Literacy Methods in Early Childhood (2)
- EDEC 4580 - Math Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4581 - Field Experience: Applied Math Methods in Early Childhood (2)
- EDEC 4999 - Senior Capstone: Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)

Teacher Specialization Coursework (6 hours)

- BBED 4501 - Teaching English as a Second Language (3)
- BBED 4520 - Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)

Minimum Required for BA in Early Childhood Education: 120 Hours

For Additional Information:

Governors State University
Jaguar Transfer Evaluator at
<https://govst.transfer.degree/>

Visit the College of Education and
Human Development at
www.govst.edu/cehd

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